

BASEBALL

Bob Unglaub In
Town en Route
for Norfolk, Va.

WRESTLING

The South Atlantic
A. A. U. Championships
to be Held To-night

NATIONALS

Rain Storm
Calls Off Practice
in the Afternoon

DETAILS OF BATTLE

Big Fight Promoters Are Getting Up Speed.

COUPONS TO BE ON SALE SOON

Booking Offices for Trips to Coast to Witness Jeffries and Johnson Fight for the Heavy-weight Championship May Be Opened in Many Cities—Other Sporting Gossip.

The selection of a site for the erection of an arena wherein Johnson and Jeffries will fight for the world's heavy-weight championship on Independence Day has cleared the pugilistic atmosphere. It is now possible for both the principles and the promoters to complete their plans for the preliminary work, and it marks a long step toward the actual staging of what is already conceded to be the greatest pugilistic contest ever waged.

Until the announcement was made at San Francisco on Tuesday night that the race track at Emeryville, just outside of Oakland, was to be the scene of the fight, the arrangement of details incidental to the affair was at a standstill. From now on, however, it will be possible for those most interested to map out their work up to and including the day when the two gigantic boxers meet for supremacy in the ring.

So far as the actual site of the fight is concerned, there appears to be few objections to the race course at Emeryville, and the promoters to complete their plans for the preliminary work, and it marks a long step toward the actual staging of what is already conceded to be the greatest pugilistic contest ever waged.

There is room for an arena large enough to accommodate all those who may desire to witness the battle, and the transit facilities from both Frisco and Oakland are ample to accommodate a throng as large as 50,000. While it is not expected that this number of persons will be in the arena, it has been estimated that almost as many will gather outside the immense inclosure as will be seated inside.

No More Wrangling.
As has been predicted, harmony and a perfect understanding has replaced the wrangling among the promoters of the affair, and another shrewd advertisement dodge to keep the coming battle before the public has been filed away to make room for interesting and authentic news. The latest reports from the Pacific Coast are to the effect that the promoters have reached a most harmonious state, and will proceed with necessary arrangements for the erection of an arena which will accommodate from 80,000 to 100,000 spectators. The combined population of Frisco and Oakland affords almost three-quarters of a million to draw from, and the trip by boat, trolley, and third rail will not consume more than thirty minutes from the most central parts of the two cities. Every aid and assistance possible will be given by the city officers of Emeryville and Thomas H. Williams, the president of the California Jockey Club, Mayor Christie, of Emeryville, is well pleased with the turn things have taken. He is said to be attuned to anything the race track may desire. Christie has been elected mayor of Emeryville eleven times, and what he says usually goes. He promises that his city council will vote the permit on Monday night. Emeryville is a manufacturing town as well as a racing town. Christie remarked that "the big fight is just what we need to advertise us around the world."

To Handle Big Crowd.
Moreover, the fans are pleased. The Southern Pacific and Key Route ferry companies say they can unload the crowd of 100,000 persons at the race track gates in two hours' time without crowding or inconvenience. Steam and electric trains run from the ferry to the grounds. Street car lines from all points in Oakland and Alameda County reach the track, and the overland Pacific and Santa Fe trains pass the gate. The Eastern fans, if they so desired, might get on an overland at Chicago and stay on until it reaches Emeryville. From the Frisco side of the bay to the race track is a thirty-minute trip.

Arrangements for the transporting of fight enthusiasts to the scene of the battle, the sale of tickets, and scores of other details have already been provided for. Within a month the sale of coupons for the fight will be opened in the principal cities of the country. It is the plan of the promoters to sell these coupons in advance at prices ranging from \$10 to \$100, the same to be exchanged at the various entrances of the arena on the day of the fight for regular seat reservations. It is hoped in this way that the possibility of tickets falling into the hands of speculators will be reduced to a minimum and that every spectator, no matter from what portion of the country he hails, will have an equal chance.

That a large portion of the spectators are expected to be residents of other sections of the country aside from San Francisco and its vicinity is shown by the arrangement which the promoters are making to handle an immense transcontinental pilgrimage both before and after the battle. It is understood that Rickard and Gleason will have a controlling interest in these tours, although the actual details are in the hands of J. P. McCann, head of the tourist agency of this name.

Monument to Schaefer.
St. Louis, Mo., March 10.—A movement to erect a suitable monument over the grave of Jacob Schaefer, the brilliant champion who died Tuesday, has been started in this city, and contributions are being received. The projectors of the plan propose that the billiard players throughout the country contribute a nominal sum each, the fund to be used in erecting a memorial.

The tip has come from the West that Jack Welsh will be the third man in the ring during the Jeffries-Johnson bout.

YANKEE PLAYERS PRAISED.

Ganzel Declares Ford and Mitchell Are Real Plugs.

New York, March 10.—John Ganzel, manager of the champion Rochester team, called at the Highlanders' headquarters to-day. He said that Stallings has the best young pitcher in the profession in Russell Ford, and also has a great catcher in Fred Mitchell. "I think Mitchell will be a star in the American League," said Ganzel. "Ford will be one of the team's best pitchers, while Gardner, the second baseman, will prove the equal of John Evers, of the Cubs, and Eddie Collins, of the Athletics. Stallings certainly has a lot of classy material."

RACE COURSE FOR MEXICO CITY

Concession Has Been Obtained for Twenty Years.

Col. Pate Has Talk with President Diaz—No Politicians Mixed in Venture.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 10.—Another race track is to be built in Mexico, according to a typewritten statement issued by Judge Murphy. He stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Col. R. C. Pate, of St. Louis, asking him to accept an interest in and take charge of a twenty years' concession for winter racing in the City of Mexico. Col. Pate was the pioneer of racing in the republic, and sunk a fortune in a venture there some twenty years ago. Part of Judge Murphy's statement follows:

"When Col. Pate called on President Diaz the latter said: 'I remember you well, Col. Pate. You sank a fortune here because your transportation was bad and you were a little bit ahead of the times. Instead of abusing us and our country, you lauded us to the skies, and said you yourself was to blame for the failure. You can have another concession, and I hope to see you recoup your fortune.'"

"Col. Pate says that he will profit by his former mistakes, and has an option on a piece of land within walking distance of the heart of the city. When he first went to Mexico, there were no thoroughbred horses there. During the last ten years over 500 have been imported from this country, and many wealthy and influential Mexicans now boast of quite pretentious studs. Mexico City, too, has grown into a thriving city of 400,000 people."

Col. Pate calls attention to the fact that the concession is practically irrevocable, and that the racing people are immune from meddling politicians and fake reformers. The concessions carry with it the right to bet by the Pari-Mutuel or books.

Judge Murphy is in receipt of a letter from a person closely in touch with affairs on one of the greatest winter racing tracks in the country, which is in temporary disuse on account of hostile legislation, saying that unless signs fall, it will be in the field for racing tourists next season.

It is now practically conceded that the next legislature will restore racing to Hot Springs. A bill passed the senate at the last session and had a majority in the house, but the racing people could not muster a two-thirds majority necessary to take the bill out of its regular order and advance it on the calendar.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SHOOT.

Hatchette Marksmen Compete with Washington State Team.

The George Washington University rifle team competed against the club representing the State College of Pullman, Wash., last night.

Following are the Hatchette scores:

	Offhand.	Free.	Total.
J. R. Febr...	84	82	166
C. H. Butman...	72	89	161
F. H. Hollander...	85	83	178
C. E. Wall...	84	96	179
W. B. Osh...	87	90	177
H. R. Prader...	82	97	179
I. A. Kimer...	79	99	178
I. A. La Garde...	83	95	178
S. R. Wrensch...	79	92	171
E. F. Wrensch...	90	86	176
Grand totals...	825	919	1744

OFF-SEASON BASEBALL.

Connie Mack has signed Al Maul, the veteran pitcher, as scout for the Athletics. Most scouts are not signed, but are simply hired.

The Des Moines club, of the Western League, has taken out an insurance policy on George Davis, the new manager. It is said the policy is for \$25,000.

The Boston Nationals have canceled the game scheduled at Lancaster, Pa., on April 12. A request has also been sent to Canton, Ohio, for the cancellation of the game slated for April 11.

Johnny Kane is holding down the second-base job for the Cubs until Heinie Zimmerman gets into shape. Of course, neither one will have much of a chance after Evers joins the team.

It is reported at the New York headquarters that Jake Weimer, a southpaw twirler, has signed with the New York Giants. Jake still thinks he can deliver the sphere as of old.

Charlie Carr, who piloted Indianapolis to the pennant in 1908, is out for the American Association rag harder than ever. Carr has twenty-seven men in training at Wapec, Tex., already. That is going some for a "bush" league club.

The clubs of the Connecticut League will throw open their gates for the first championship games on April 23. Bridgeport will open at New Haven, Waterbury at New Britain, Hartford at Holyoke, and Springfield at Northampton.

The Reading club has closed negotiations for the use of Witman Park this season. The grounds are said to be the finest in the Minor League circuit. Three thousand persons can be accommodated in the grandstand, while the entire seating capacity of the park is 8,000.

Clyde Engle, the big Yankee outfielder, appeared at first practice at Athens, Ga., in hunting boots. They were recommended as useful in pulling off weight and strengthening the legs. Jack Warhop pranced around in his stocking feet on account of foot trouble.

Bill Lange was on hand to greet the Sox upon their arrival in Frisco. The former Chicago idol intends to make the visit of Comiskey and his players as pleasant as possible while on the Coast. Ban Johnson has made Lange the official representative of the national commission on the Coast.

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BALTIMORE GRAPPLERS COMING

Seven Classes Will Be on the Interesting Programme in Carroll Institute Gymnasium—Conley, of Galaudet, and Robe, of Baltimore, in Heavy-weight Division.

Wrestling bouts for South Atlantic A. U. championships will be held in Carroll Institute gymnasium this evening, and some rare sport is sure to result.

Seven classes will be decided, ranging from bantam to heavy-weight, and the bouts will be decided between Baltimore and Washington grapplers.

The preliminaries in the District were held Tuesday night, and were intensely interesting. Baltimore mat artists also pulled off their final tests on that night.

UNGLAUB IN THE CITY; SAYS TEAM IS STRONGER

Sir Robert, With President Noyes and Treasurer Rapley, Leaves for Norfolk—Hovlik Heard From—Other Gossip.

By WILLIAM PEET.

Bob Unglaub, the Nationals' first baseman and all-round handy man, breezed into town from Williamsport, Pa., early yesterday morning and called on Secretary Fowler at the National Theater, with whom he spent most of his time until the hour set for the Norfolk boat to sail.

President Tom Noyes, of the Washington club, and Treasurer Harry Rapley left for Norfolk on the same boat with Unglaub. Mr. Noyes plans to spend to-day with Manager McAleer and the players, and will return to Washington Saturday morning.

Unglaub will be called upon to hold down the initial sack during the coming season, and Manager McAleer is counting on Sir Robert for some effective stick work.

It was interesting to read in an afternoon paper yesterday that Tom Crooks had a good chance to oust Unglaub. As a matter of fact, Crooks is not anywhere near in the same class with Rob, nobody knows it better than Crooks himself.

To show just what kind of a chap Unglaub is, the writer will reveal a little secret. Late last season, Tom Crooks, who is a Washingtonian, joined the Nationals after he had finished a successful season with the Reading club of the Tri-State League. He was given a number of chances to cover first base and made to the youngsters and gave him many valuable pointers.

When the time came for reporting last Saturday, Unglaub purposely stayed at home, writing Manager McAleer that business affairs would hold him in Williamsport for a few days, but that if he was wanted he would come on at once. The reply came back, "Take your time, Bob."

Unglaub's only reason for reporting five days late was to give Tom Crooks every chance in the world to make a good impression with Manager McAleer, so that when it came time to consider a sale or trade the Nationals' boss would have no hesitancy in recommending Crooks for a berth in the American Association, where salaries are considerably higher than in the Tri-State League.

Had Unglaub and Crooks both reported in Norfolk on the same day and worked out side by side it is likely that Crooks' work would have suffered in comparison.

The writer believes that Crooks is fast enough for the American Association. He has had the field to himself since the Nationals have been in Norfolk, and McAleer has been able to get a pretty fair line on his ability, through the kindness of Bob Unglaub in keeping away from the scene.

Unglaub has been itching to get into the game, and it required a lot of self-denial to stick around home while the other fellows were doing stunts on the diamond.

Unglaub looks to be in fine condition. He always takes the best care of himself during the off season, and believes in total abstinence. He has a modest little home in Williamsport, Pa., where he has been living quietly with Mrs. Unglaub and his two little daughters. Like Kid Elberfeld, Sir Robert is a great home body. He is twenty-nine years old and figures that with the careful life he is living he should be able to stick in the big leagues for at least six more years.

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Manager McAleer might take a quiet tip and appoint Bob Unglaub captain of the Nationals this season. Bob is surely qualified for the job, and many local fans would like to see him get it.

This position is not a new one for Unglaub. Three years ago, when Jim McGuire had the Boston Red Sox, one of the first moves he made was to name Unglaub captain.

Secretary Willie Fowler, of the Nationals, made an important statement yesterday in regard to the disposition of the boxes at National Park for the opening games. He says that all winter long he has been beset with applications for box seats, the demand this year being much heavier than last season. In view of this, the management will put the seats up at auction a few days before the opening game, and the entire capacity of the desirable boxes will be disposed of to the

best bidder. This is an innovation, and looks to be an easy solution of the problem which has been confronting the management every year for some time.

Pitcher Hovlik is not lost, strayed, or stolen. Manager McAleer and President Noyes have heard from the twirler, and it is expected that within a few days he will decide to hike down to Norfolk. There is a little difference between the club and Hovlik in the matter of finances, and President Noyes has written him that this can easily be patched up when the twirler reports for practice.

Just before sailing for Norfolk President Noyes stated that he had completed arrangements for the games in this city against the Philadelphia National League club. They will be played here on March 30 and 31. Previously there had been some hitch as to the exact dates. These games will be the first for the local club in Washington this season, and will afford the fans an excellent opportunity to compare the National with the American League brand of baseball.

Before Jimmy De Forest brought out Pat Moore no one wanted to handle him, but now they all want to tell Jimmy how to handle the little lad.

They are keeping Tommy O'Keefe so busy filling his Boston dates that he has not the time to take any in his own town, Philadelphia.

Ad Wolgast, the light-weight champion, says that he will not meet Tommy Murphy. He met the Harlem lad once and was a bad second.

The only person whom Jack Johnson has announced as a member of his camp has been little Charley Harvey, the bantam Lew Bailey has fostered.

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